



# CITY OF TAUNTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

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## **MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, November 6, 2019 @ 7:00pm Municipal Council Chambers ~ Temporary City Hall 141 Oak St. ~ Taunton, MA 02780**

**Meeting called to order at 7:12pm by Phillip Duarte**

### **Members Present:**

Phillip Duarte  
Jonathan Gray  
Deb Levesque  
Will Mendonca  
James Dufresne  
Scott Martin  
Eric Andrade - Mass in Motion  
Bill Napolitano - SRPEDD

### **Members Not Present:**

Madeline Silva  
Karen Letendre  
Dick Shafer  
Jake McNamara

**Public Input: *None***

### **Reports:**

#### ***Update from the Chair***

- TMLP Commission Presentation
  - At the last meeting with TMLP, Ken Goulart asked that the design team do a presentation for the TMLP Commission about the project. This presentation occurred at the regular TMLP Commission meeting held on October 8th.  
**See summary memo from Brown, Richardson, and Rowe attached.**
  - Phil is working with Ken to set up a follow-up meeting with TMLP, the design team, and the Law Department to work out the details of our partnership.

- Update on West Water Street Easement
  - Phil received a phone call from Laura Moore on October 16th. Laura is the husband of Brian Moore, owner of Baystate Industrial Properties. She is handling the sale of the two properties (491 and 655 West Water Street). She is willing to work with us on the eminent domain takings, but she just wants to make sure that they are properly reimbursed for what is taken. She also mentioned that one of their tenants may be interested in purchasing one or both properties. Phil had Attorney de Abreu give her a call to explain the process. He is currently moving forward with the appraisal of the takings.

### ***Subcommittee Updates***

- Advocacy: None
- Marketing: None
- Outreach: None

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

### ***Discussion on Taunton River Trail Progress***

- The neighborhood walk-through that had been scheduled at the last meeting for Sunday, September 22nd, at 1:00pm was cancelled. It will now be on Sunday, November 24th, at 2:00pm. Park and meet at the end of Baker Road East.
- Kurt Gaertner from EEA and the design team are still working on making progress with the necessary MassDOT easements.

### ***Community Health Inclusion Index***

- Mass in Motion will be conducting Community Health Inclusion Index assessments. The Community Health Inclusion Index is a set of survey tools that evaluate the community for inclusion of people with disabilities. Certain sites will be assessed for their mobility and disability access. The sites still need to be determined.

### ***Safe Routes to Parks***

- The Safe Routes Partnership has opened the 2020 Safe Routes to Parks grant. This program provides tailored technical assistance to develop an action plan and awards \$12,500 to begin implementation of the plan. The deadline to apply is December 16th.

### **Announcements:**

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 7:00pm  
Municipal Council Chambers ~ Temporary City Hall  
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**Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm by Phillip Duarte**